



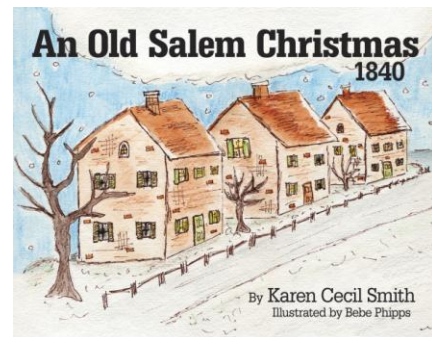
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'Old Salem' author, visitors here Dec. 3

North Carolina author Karen Cecil Smith will speak on her picture book, *Old Salem Christmas 1840* on Dec. 3 at Catawba County Library in Newton.

Her 4 p.m. appearance is free and open to the public. All ages are welcome. Books will be available for purchase and signing.



Deftly written by Smith and fully illustrated by Bebe Phipps, *An Old Salem Christmas, 1840* is the story of a young girl who attends a Moravian Lovefeast at Christmas that year. The girl attends a candlelight service and afterwards savors a sweet bun and a cup of milky coffee.

A Protestant Christian sect that originated in Central Europe, the Moravians had their own distinctive traditions which Smith has faithfully portrayed, making the book a highly recommended picture book for young readers and a welcome addition to school and community library collections.

Joining the author will be Rev. Adam Spaugh and Valerie Westmoreland of New Hope Moravian Church in Startown. They will appear in traditional clothing to share home-made refreshments and discuss the Old World customs of their community.

For more information about the program, contact Tammy Wilson, public information officer for Catawba County Library System, at 828-465-8661.

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